



# Preaching Guide

## Focus Scripture Texts Suggested by Foundational Essays

Each session of a practice focuses on an aspect or dimension of that faith practice. The suggested Bible texts below include key texts discussed in the foundational essays found in each unit or practice. Each age level may use these texts or other texts appropriate to their age. In a few units of the curriculum, the sessions for some age levels vary slightly from the foundational essay for that practice. Note indicated by asterisks at the end explain those variations.

Practice	Aspect or Dimension	Suggested Bible Texts
<b>Follow Jesus</b>	Accept Jesus' Invitation	John 1:35–51
	Follow with the Community of Other Disciples	Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Ephesians 4:11–16
	Learn to See Everything through the Lens of Love	Luke 24:28–34
	Follow Jesus in the Making of Disciples	Matthew 28:18–20
<b>Welcome All</b>	Welcome Others as God Welcomes You	Genesis 1:1–2:25; Leviticus 19:33–34
	See Christ in Every Person	Matthew 25:31–46
	Know Your Gifts of Hospitality and Encourage Others' Gifts	Luke 10:38–42
	Challenge Oothering	Luke 7:36–50
<b>Confess*</b>	Confess	Genesis 3:1–24; Psalm 51
	Repent: As Individuals	Luke 3:3–14
	Repent: As Communities	Isaiah 58; Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:31–46
	Repair	Luke 19:1–10
<b>Hope</b>	Hear Hope	John 1:1–14; Isaiah 9:2, 6–7
	See Hope	Isaiah 9:2; Psalm 139:11–12; John 1:1–5
	Offer and Recieve Hope	Mark 2:1–12
	Proclaim Hope	Luke 4:16–21
<b>Baptize</b>	Remember Your Baptism	Mark 1:1–11
	Cross the Divide	Exodus 14:10–31; 1 Peter 2:10
	Die and Rise	Romans 6:3–11
	Honor the Body	1 Corinthians 12:12–31
<b>Live in Community</b>	Gather across Differences	Exodus 20:1–20; 1 Corinthians 1:10–17
	Feast and Listen	Exodus 13:3–10; John 6:1–15; Acts 2:41–47
	Uplift Those in Need	Acts 4:32–37, 6:1–7
	Support Those Who Depart	Deuteronomy 34:1–12; John 14:15–31; Acts 15:36–41
<b>Practice Spiritual Disciplines</b>	Fast	Numbers 29:7–11; Matthew 4:1–4; 6:16–18
	Pray	Matthew 6:1–15
	Listen to God	1 Kings 19:1–18; John 10:27; Revelations 3:20
	Embrace Simplicity	Matthew 6:19–21; Philippians 4:11–12
	Unplug	Genesis 2:1–3; Mark 1:35–39
	New Spiritual	Hebrews 4:15–16



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<b>Practice Joy</b>	See Joy in God's Creation Rejoice in God's Mercy Share Others' Joy Practice Joy in All Times	Psalm 65:5–13; Genesis 28:11–22 Psalm 30; Psalm 126:1–3; Luke 5:17–26 Luke 15; Romans 12:15 Isaiah 51; Hebrews 12:1–2; Philippians 4:4–6
<b>Honor God's Diversity</b>	Affirm People Who are Marginalized Center Voices from the Margins Work for Liberation While Challenging Oppression Use Advantages to Overturn Inequality	Genesis 1:27 Matthew 15:21–28 Numbers 27:1–11  Mark 10:17–31
<b>Sing a New Song</b>	Sing Liberation Sing Tribulation Sing Transformation Sing New Creation	Exodus 15:1–21 Psalm 22:1–31 Luke 1:46–56 Revelation 7:9–17
<b>Make Peace*</b>	Cultivate Inner Peace Overcome Fear Share Resources Honor Every Living Thing	Matthew 4:1–2; Luke 5:15–16 Luke 10:25–37 Luke 10:25–37 Matthew 5:9; John 20:19
<b>Practice Generosity</b>	Share Resources Spread Wisdom Promote Justice (Re)Distribute Power	Luke 10:25–37; Acts 2:43–47 Deuteronomy 6:4–7; Acts 18:24–28 Isaiah 58:1–12; Luke 4:18–19 Luke 18:18–30

\*Confess—The curriculum for most age levels use the following sessions for this practice using texts from the foundational essay: See Sin, Confess, Repent, Repair.

\*Make Peace—The curriculum for youth and adults uses the following sessions and texts for this practice based on the foundational essay: Peace (Matthew 5:9, Take a Step Back (Luke 6:6–13), Understand Others (Luke 10:25–37), and Take Risks for Peace (1 Samuel 25:2–35). The children's age levels use these themes but different texts: Isaiah 11:1–19; Psalm 46; Mark 7:24–30; and Genesis 32:6–7; 33:1–4, 9–11.